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1. *[Redacted]* the Soviets are now organizing two commando armies, one Kurdish and one Armenian. The training and organizing center for the Kurdish group is in the area of Mount Ararat, while that of the Armenians is in Yerevan.
2. The Kurdish center is commanded by Lt. Col. Aleksandr Sadayev (Sadzhayev?), who is in close liaison with Mulla Mustafa Barzani* and his general staff in Eaku. The Armenian center is commanded by Gen. Dmitri Konayev. His aides are Vladimir Lazarev, a Russian; and two Armenians, Yerivan Basunian and Zohrab Ovadisian.
3. Secret orders have already been sent out on the recruiting and transfer to the training areas of Kurds and Armenians in the various countries of the Middle East.

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